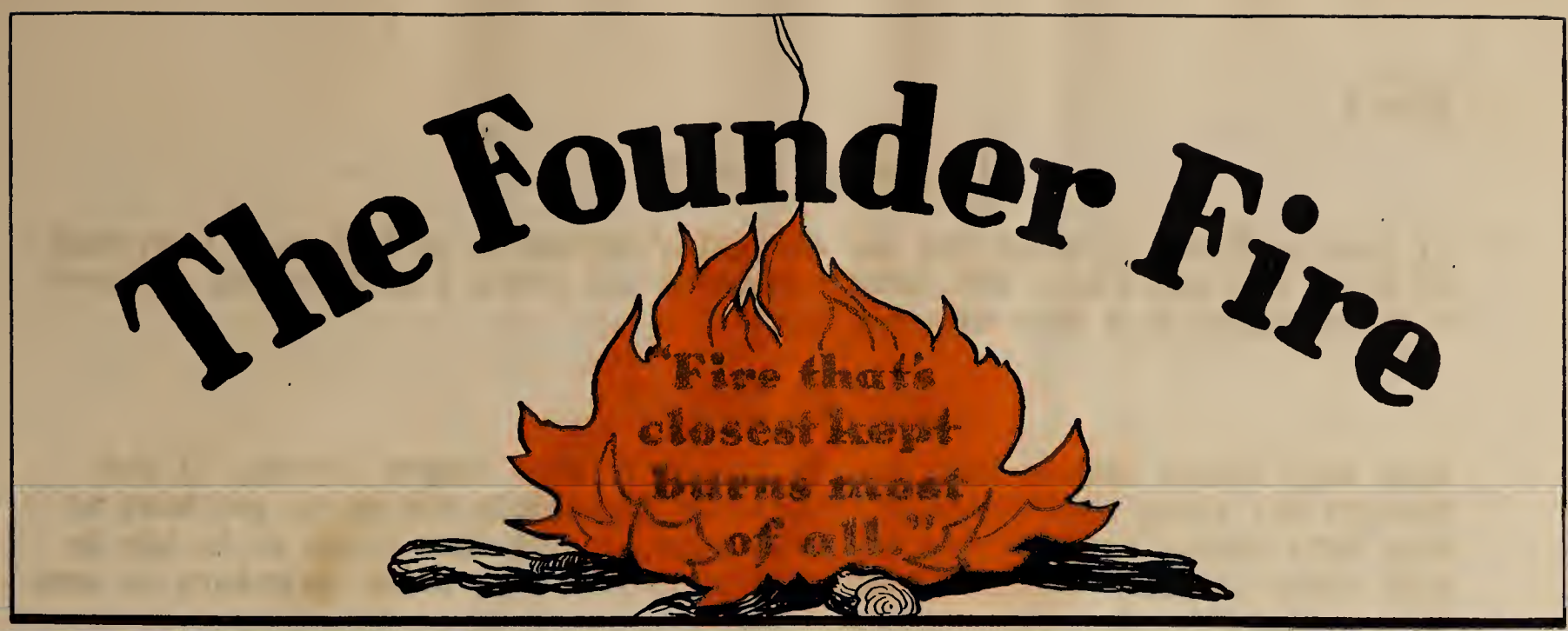

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IN EXACTLY THREE WEEKS

from the day that this is written, the Older Boys' Camp at Merrowvista will be under way. It hardly seems possible. Time certainly does fly. The days have passed by with startling speed, and here we are all ready to pack our grips and start off again for those two weeks of fellowship and challenging training at our beloved camp in the Ossipees.

IN LESS THAN EIGHT WEEKS

the Older Girls will be riding into Camp Miniwanca, and the Older Boys will arrive at the Camp by the Lake on August 22 for their two big weeks.

THIS IS AN EVENTFUL YEAR -

a year when stout hearts are needed and when one's true inner worth is laid bare to our friends and to the world at large. How often have we heard Dad make the statement that "The tests of life are God's compliments to us."

FROM AN ECONOMIC STANDPOINT

this has been a testing year. Some of us have been perfectly amazed at what we have been able to do under circumstances that a few years ago we would have thought were impossible. And yet how gloriously our real worth shows itself. I wish you could sit in my chair here in the Founder office for just a few hours and read the many letters that come in from FOUNDER campers and leaders from all parts of the continent.

HERE IS A SAMPLE

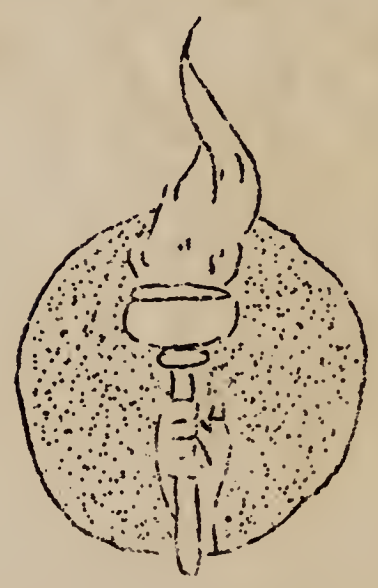
"I have just had my third cut and the going certainly is different from what it was a few years ago, but notwithstanding all this, I am going to get back to Merrowvista this year without fail."

AND THEN THERE IS

that very choice letter that came in from a Founder camper saying, "I had thought all along that it would be utterly impossible for me to get back to camp this summer but now that Kinji is gone, I feel that I owe it to him to make every possible sacrifice that may be required in order to return to camp this summer."

AS YOU ALL KNOW,

Kinji and I have been close buddies and comrades for the past quarter of a century. Sometime I want to tell you all about those old friendships and the many, many battles that we have fought during these years. As I sit here dictating this to you Founder campers and leaders, I recall how frequently Kinji voiced this sentiment: "The Founder cause is greater, infinitely greater than any single personality or group of personalities. The soundness of the principle of the Jesus way of living....living life at its very best all the time ....living the four-fold life....is so true and so right all together, that regardless of what happens to you or to me, the Founder campers and leaders will continue to carry on."



THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ATTITUDE OF THE GREAT CHIEF

The whole emphasis of his life was on the discovery and training of young people for Christian leadership in the work of the world....multiplying himself as it were, many, many times over in the lives of the hundreds and thousands of young people who came to the Founder Camps for inspiration and training.

BECAUSE OF THIS

It seems to me that every single one of us who believes in the cause for which Kinji lived and died, will more than ever want to return to Miniwanca and Merrowvista this summer for very much the same reasons that the disciples of old gathered together in the upper room after the departure of their great leader.

AND SO I'M SAYING TO YOU

that this is a year of special challenge to every single one of us. Kinji would have us face the challenge joyously, courageously, and enthusiastically. I firmly believe that the camps at both Merrowvista and Miniwanca, this year, are going to prove to be a source of unusual strength and power in the lives of all who attend camp this summer.

And so let us face anew this whole matter of getting back to camp this summer. If you are already registered, that is just great; but if you have not yet sent in your registration, won't you rush it in to the Founder office right away so that we know we may count on you? If you are not yet certain that you can go and are still hoping and working with all your might, then just keep plugging away to the very last minute and when the time comes to start to camp, pack up your grip and come along and we'll find a place for you.

MINISINO, DAD, AND KICICA

will all be at Merrowvista this summer and I, too, am planning to see everyone of you both in the Older Boys' Camp and in the Older Girls' Camp. I am certainly looking forward to this privilege for it just about broke my heart not to be able to get up to Merrowvista last summer. All you first- year campers of 1931, who now constitute the second year classes, are Founders whose hands I had hoped to shake last summer. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented my coming to Merrowvista, but this year sure I am going to see you, and believe me, I certainly am glad for that.

AT MINIWANCA

Dad, Minisino, Horace and I will be on hand to greet you, and the usual fine group of Founder faculty members and leaders will assist in carrying out the program outlined by Kinji.

BECAUSE OF THE TERRIFIC PRESS

of matters here in the Founder office, I am going to make this Founder Fire very brief. I have just two or three personal requests to make of each one of you, and then I'm going to give you the information that we always send out in this June issue of the Founder Fire.

REQUEST NO. 1

Rush your own application in to the office quick. However, do not mail anything to St. Louis after JUNE 16. Thereafter mail direct to Camp Merrowvista, Center Ossipee, N.H., or Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan.

REQUEST NO. 2

If you have been working on any prospects and friends, won't you now get to work seriously and thoughtfully and I believe I want to say most prayerfully too, and fully persuade your friends that this year of all years, they should be getting to Camp Merrowvista or Camp Miniwanca. When Kinji returned to the office after his long trip through the East in which he saw hundreds and hundreds of Founder campers and leaders, he said to me: "Wadjepi, I firmly believe that Camp Merrowvista this year is going to have a larger enrollment than last year". And then he went right on to say that Miniwanca was not up to scratch last year in the matter of registrations but he was hoping hard that the loyal Founder gang would come through this year with flying colors. With such a challenge from the Great Chief, we dare not fail.

Well, Founder, how seriously are we going to work to make Kinji's hope come true?

REQUEST NO. 3

Come to Merrowvista and Miniwanca in the same fine spirit that you've always shown in the past. The Jesus way is the JOYOUS WAY OF LIVING. Kinji would have us make this a joyous camp, not a light and frivolous joy, but a genuine deep, abiding joy that comes from knowing that "God's in his heaven - All's right with the world."

AND SO FOUNDER CAMPERS AND LEADERS,

it's on to Merrowvista and Miniwanca, to tarry there a while for a renewal of the spirit and to get a stronger grip on our own lives that we may live true to our very best selves.

LET US RALLY TO THIS CALL!

Won't you in loyalty to our great leader, do your very utmost to come back to camp this year? If you cannot come, then send someone. Kinji spent his last days at Camp Miniwanca. In going through his records we found that he had worked out a minute summer schedule of classes, teachers and leaders. From everywhere have come letters saying that the finest thing we can do is to come back to camp this summer just as Kinji wanted and expected us to do. Personally, I consider it the very highest privilege to do more than I have ever done before. I will drop in at both camps at Merrowvista. Then both Mrs. Danforth and I expect to spend three weeks in the Younger Boys' and Girls' Camps at Miniwanca and stay through the whole of both sessions of the Older Boys' and Older Girls' Camps. Come and join us. Let us all say that the cause for which John L. Alexander gave his life shall go forward through us.

Minisino
(William H. Danforth)

AND NOW FOR THE INFORMATION THAT YOU MUST HAVE

relative to getting to camp, mailing your duffel bags and packages, etc. Here we go. Read most carefully and everything will come out just fine.

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERROWVISTA CAMPERS

WHEN YOU ARE DUE IN CAMP

Boys' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, June 27th
Girls' " " " " " " July 11th

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All campers and leaders are expected to be in camp at starting time.

If you are coming by way of Boston, plan your trip to arrive in Boston the Monday morning that camp begins, in time to take the Boston & Maine train from North Station at 8:00 (Eastern Standard Time) to Mountain View, N.H. (Be sure to have your local Agent verify this schedule for you.) Do not come a day early - we will not be able to accommodate you.

BUYING YOUR TICKET

Insist on Agent giving you a round trip Summer Tourist Ticket to Mountain View, N. H. Make application for ticket well in advance of going to camp, so that Agent can secure tariff data from head office of railroad in event of not having information in hand regarding Mountain View, N. H.

FOR THOSE TRAVELING BY RAIL OR BOAT

Some campers travel by boat from Philadelphia and other points to Boston - then rail to camp. You can purchase a Summer Tourist rail and boat ticket to Mountain View, N.H. Upon arrival in Boston, make connections with the above train schedule for Mountain View.

ARRIVING AT MOUNTAIN VIEW

Mountain View is a small village. You will be met at the station by one of the representatives of the camp. A contract has been made with a local hauling concern for conveying campers from Mountain View to camp. A very low rate of 50¢ for the trip has been named. A charge of 10¢ will be made for each parcel or suit-case that is hauled to and from camp.

VISITORS

Relatives of campers are invited to visit the camps. If space is available, we will gladly accommodate visitors over night (in a guest tent) and for meals. Nominal rates will be charged. If accommodations cannot be provided at Camp Merrowvista, reservations may be made at the Village Hotel, five miles from camp, or at Rolin Park, across Danhole Lake.

Be sure to save these instructions

WHAT TO TAKE TO CAMP

Bathing suit (two if you have them)
Bathing cap and shoes
Pajamas
Slicker
Heavy sweater or jacket
Tennis shoes - low-heeled oxfords
Bathrobe
Socks or stockings
Needle, thread, pins, safety pins
Buttons, twine
Lotion or cold cream, mosquito dope
Nail file and scissors
Comis costume - if you have one
Musical instrument -(if you wish)

Kodak
Comb and brush
Handkerchiefs
Tooth brush and container
Soap and container
Tooth paste
Pocket knife
Flashlight
Bible
Wrapping paper and twine if mailing bundles home.
Fountain pen and pencils
Old pair shoes to wear on hike back to swimming dock at Stony Lake

SPECIAL LIST FOR GIRLS

Ties, belt, shirts or middies
Wool knickers or shorts
At least one pair of white knickers
Practical underwear

SPECIAL LIST FOR BOYS

Extra pair of old trousers
Outing shirts

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WHAT TO MAIL TO CAMP TWO WEEKS BEFORE STARTING ON YOUR TRIP

3 WARM BLANKETS
change of sheets - cot size
change of pillow slips
face towels - bath towels - wash cloths
sweater or shoes that you may not want to carry.

Use the enclosed mailing stickers and also write address on package

Films, notebooks and paper, camp stationery, camp postcards and stamps are on sale at the camp store.

IMPORTANT - Campers who cannot swim must wear red bathing caps. Others wear other colored caps.

Do not have candy or food mailed to you at camp. You will have plenty to eat at meal time.

CAMP MAILING ADDRESSES:

c/o American Youth Foundation

CAMP MINIWANCA	CAMP MERROWVISTA
Camp Miniwanca,	Camp Merrowvista
Shelby, Michigan.	Center Ossipee, N.H.

Be sure to send mail in plenty of time to reach camp before your arrival. Wrap packages carefully.

TRAVELING INSTRUCTIONS

FOR CAMPERS ENROLLED FOR CAMP MINIWANCA, MICHIGAN.

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WHEN YOU ARE DUE IN CAMP

Girls' Camp opens officially with supper, Monday, August 8th.
Boys' " " " " " " August 22nd.

All campers and leaders should be in camp on date of opening. To make this connection it is advisable to arrive in Muskegon or Ludington, Michigan, on Monday morning - the opening day of camp.

Do not come a day earlier as we will not be able to accommodate you.

Look up your connections and plan accordingly.

CAMPERS COMING THROUGH CHICAGO SHOULD NOTE THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

GOODRICH LINES - FROM CHICAGO

Boat trip: All boats leave from the Chicago Municipal Pier. Sunday night boat leaves at 10:30 Daylight Saving Time. You are permitted to go on board any time after 7 o'clock. (Allow at least 30 minutes to go from railroad station to boat.) Be sure to ask street car conductor if you are headed right. (See special notice on Page 9 with reference to buying boat ticket.)

AN ENTIRE STATEROOM ON A BOAT

is $3.50. A group may club together and reserve a stateroom at about 85¢ each, with sleeping space for four - or you can spend the night on deck or in a big easy chair in the grand salon - just as you desire. Write in advance direct to the Goodrich Transit Company for berth reservation.

HOW TO GET TO MUNICIPAL PIER

from Illinois Central and Dearborn Street Stations:

Take State Street car (which is two blocks west from I.C. and one block east from Dearborn) north to Grand Avenue. Transfer Grand car, east to Pier.

Union Station: Street car on Adams Street (passing Station) east to Clark Street. Transfer north to Clark to Grand. Transfer at Grand, east to Pier.

LaSalle Street Station: Take Clark Street car (one block east from Station) north to Grand. Transfer at Grand, east to Pier.

Northwestern Station: Take Madison Street car at Station, east to Clark. Transfer north on Clark to Grand. Transfer on Grand, east to Pier.

OF COURSE! A bunch can ride in a taxi direct to Pier for perhaps 30¢ each. Or use your Parmalee Bus transfer ticket, if you have a through ticket.

PERE MARQUETTE STEAMERS (FROM MILWAUKEE TO LUDINGTON)

Night boat leaves Milwaukee at 8:00 P.M., arriving at Ludington at 5:00 A.M. Be sure to check on this upon arrival at Milwaukee.

SPECIAL NOTE

Campers who will take the night boat out of Chicago for Muskegon should plan to get to Chicago Sunday morning. Visit some Chicago Sunday Schools and churches during the day and make boat connections that night.

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SPECIAL for campers in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Ontario, New York and Penn.

See your agent for best routing to Muskegon. Your connections to Muskegon, Michigan, will undoubtedly be by way of Grand Rapids. Be sure to make connections so as to take early morning train on the Pennsylvania Railroad leaving Grand Rapids at 7:55 and arriving at Muskegon at 9:20 A.M. Monday. Check up on this with your Railroad Agent. If, by any chance, connections at Grand Rapids are missed, take 11:50 A.M. train or motor bus (across from R.R. Station) from Grand Rapids to Muskegon and go to the Greyhound Bus waiting room in Muskegon. Get to Muskegon as soon as possible. Then take first Greyhound bus to Shelby, Michigan, and telephone to camp. We will call for you.
Note: This latter is for emergency only.

ARRIVING AT MUSKEGON

Arrangements have been made with the Greyhound Bus Company to transport campers from Muskegon to camp. A low rate of $1.50 including baggage, has been secured for the motor trip of 45 miles.

Campers arriving at Ludington from Milwaukee will take Dahringer-Greyhound Bus at boat landing, to New Era where they will connect with the buses going through New Era to camp from Muskegon. Campers traveling to Muskegon by motor bus, should connect with other campers at the Dahringer-Greyhound Motor Coach waiting room.

EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS

This is for emergency which we do not think will take place. If you miss all connections and get to Muskegon late in the day, go to the Greyhound Motor Coach waiting room to meet any other emergency campers; then take Greyhound Bus, regular scheduled run to Shelby, Michigan. Go to Shelby Hotel (there is only one) and call up Camp Miniwanca at Stony Lake and we will come for you.

BUYING YOUR TICKET

If you come to camp through Chicago or from points South, Southwest, and East of Lake Michigan, then your camp station is Muskegon, Michigan. Campers from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Dakotas should buy tickets to Ludington, Michigan, by way of Milwaukee. Both points are Summer Tourist points. Low return fare applies on all lines. (See your Agent early. Buy a return ticket.) Pere Marquette (not railroad) Steamers from Milwaukee to Ludington,-- Goodrich Transit Boats - Chicago to Muskegon. A very low rate of $3.00 round trip Chicago to Muskegon, is available to Founder campers. Campers from distant points buy return through rail and boat tickets from your local station.

VERY SPECIAL

Special rate coupon entitling Founder campers to the special $3.00 round trip rate, Chicago to Muskegon, Goodrich Transit Line, is enclosed. You cannot get this rate without the coupon. BE SURE TO TAKE IT WITH YOU and present at ticket window when buying your ticket.

DRIVING THROUGH TO CAMP

If you plan to drive through to camp, head for Muskegon, Michigan. Go north on U.S. 31 to a point a little more than one mile past New Era - follow Camp Miniwanca signs on gravel road leading off left from main highway, to camp.

VISITORS

Relatives of campers are invited to visit the camps. If space is available, we will gladly accommodate visitors over night (in a guest tent) and for meals. Nominal rates will be charged. For those who cannot be accommodated at Miniwanca, there is a splendid little resort lodge near the camp, where accommodations may be had at reasonable rates. For rates and reservations write to H.E. Huey, Manager, Benona Lodge, R.F.D. 2, Shelby, Michigan.

READ YOUR INSTRUCTIONS AGAIN

Take them with you on your trip. All questions are answered.

SUMMER MAILING ADDRESSES

The offices of the American Youth Foundation in St. Louis will be closed during the summer months, beginning June 16. All business pertaining to the Foundation and to the summer camps will be transacted from the summer administration headquarters, Camp Miniwanca, Shelby, Michigan. Address all Merrowvista registrations to Camp Merrowvista, Center Ossipee, N. H.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAILING PACKAGES

The simplest and safest way to mail your camp material is to buy or make a canvas duffel bag. You can get one from any sporting goods store. Estimate size of bundle or bundles you plan to mail, then buy or make canvas bags to

carry all your stuff. If boxes or wrapping paper are used, be sure to save wrapper for returning your camp outfit. Suit-cases can be mailed. DON'T ship by express.

AND NOW YOU KNOW

exactly what to do. Reading that material makes you realize how mighty close camp is. You Merrowvista fellows will be getting this copy of The Founder Fire just a short time before you start for camp.

DON'T FORGET

to mail your blankets and duffel bag and other material that you are going to send on in advance, right away. You want to be sure to have that stuff awaiting you when you arrive at Merrowvista. You Miniwanca campers will want to remember that these instructions are the only ones that you will receive in connection with the camps that you will attend. So again I say, read carefully and do not destroy this copy of The Founder Fire.

HERE'S A WAY TO SECURE MONEY TO GET TO CAMP

All 1931 campers know of Minisino's great book - "I Dare You!" A new edition has been printed and it is a great improvement over the first issue. The book sells for $1.25. The "I Dare You" Committee in charge of the sale of this book has proposed to the American Youth Foundation that they will sell these books to campers for 75¢, the books to be sold retail at $1.25 each. The $1.25 is to be returned by the camper to the "I Dare You" Committee who will remit 50¢ for each book to the Founder office to be credited to the camp fee of the camper selling the book.

Now here's the way to work the plan: You send to E.J.Leatherbury, 835 S. 8th St., St. Louis, Mo., for your selling sample of the book, stating that you are a Founder camper and want to sell the books on above basis. You will pay 75¢ for your copy. Then start out and use that copy to make your sales to your friends, collect the $1.25, give them a receipt, and tell them you will deliver the books personally when they arrive. Then send your orders to E.J.Leatherbury and the books will go forward to you the same day your order is received.

Now all this won't mean a single thing to a camper who isn't willing to work hard enough to make the money to get back to camp this summer. Your friends will appreciate a copy of "I Dare You" and if you can sell 50 copies, that means $25.00 right there in your pocket. That's good business and I challenge you, one and all, to go to it and make good on this chance.

Challenging days are ahead at Merrowvista and Miniwanca,- two big weeks of inspiration, fellowship and progress. Let us adventure together again in the realm of personality and leadership. See you in camp!

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